

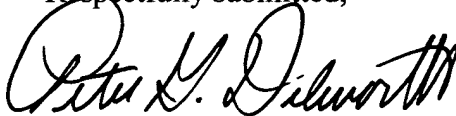
REMARKS

Claims 23 and 28-37 have been allowed in the Office Action mailed January 13, 2005.

In the Office Action of April 19, 2002 (Page No. 9), the drawings were objected to because they do not include reference numeral "37" for the slot at page 17, line 7 of the specification. Reference numerals 37 and 32 on page 17 are clearly in error. Accordingly, this line of the specification is being corrected herein to read --vertebrae. While the present disclosure provides installation slot ~~37~~ 32 and bore ~~32~~ 34-- as shown in Figs. 1-4. With this amendment of the specification, it will be appreciated that no correction of the drawings is required.

Entry of the amendment herein is once again respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter G. Dilworth", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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